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## GENERAL MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held in the National Mutual Theatrette on Friday December 14 at 8 pm. Feature of the meeting will be a report on the recent American sightings, including a contact claim at present under investigation by Professor Hynek.

There will be no meeting in November.

Meetings in 1974 will be held on the second Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

## Australian Flying Saucer Review.

The next issue of the magazine is under preparation, and will contain a special "Hynek Report".

## Annual Elections

The elections will be held at the December meeting. Nominations for office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and three Committee Members, signed by the proposer and candidate, must reach the Secretary by not later than 12 noon on Friday the 30th November.

## The Committee Thanks

All those members who kindly gave their time to assist in preparations for the Hynek visit. The success of the visit was due in no small measure to their generosity and enthusiasm.

## SIGHTINGS CONTINUE AROUND AUSTRALIA

### Four UFO Reports

Maryborough: At least 4 sightings of UFOs have been reported by Burrum Heads residents. Mr. "Digger" Simpson, a Burrum Heads fisherman, has reported seeing UFOs twice.

Mr. Simpson's brother, Mel, said the first sighting was reported about three weeks ago. He said his brother saw a light through the trees on the Torbanlea Road, but did not take any notice because he thought it was the moon. A week later he was coming down the river towards Burrum Heads in his boat when he saw it again. This time he cut his engine to listen, as it appeared to hover, but he could detect no sound. It appeared as a half circle of light with bright red lights flashing. The red lights went out and a big white light appeared which lit up the whole area. It was clearly visible for about a quarter of an hour before it disappeared at incredible speed with a swishing sound.

Mr. Clive Steley made the latest sighting last Thursday night (July 12), when he was in his boat up the river with Michael Brewer, of Melbourne. He was startled when a glowing object appeared at about tree level, and quickly drew his companion's attention to it. The glowing object moved towards them and its light went out. Two red blinkers came on and after a minute it disappeared. There was no engine noise.

Mr. Steley, who has taken quite a ribbing from his mates since reporting the sighting, was adamant that he knew what he saw and it was not an aeroplane or a star.

- Bundaberg News-Mail, 19/7/1973.



## SIGHTINGS CONTINUE AROUND AUSTRALIA

### If It Was a U.F.O. It Left Marks on Old Junee Property.

Did an unidentified flying object pay a visit to the Old Junee district on Sunday night last?(June 3) A group of Junee people do not quite know what to make of what they saw and evidence they later unearthed.

The story starts around about 9 pm when Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bayliss were driving west along the "mad mile". In the distance they observed a row of shimmering yellowy orange coloured lights. Mr. Bayliss at first thought that they were a row of lights, like those used on some transport lorries. However, because they were between himself and cars passing along the main north-south road he realised they were on Mr. Frank Hart's property.

By the time they got to the turnoff they saw the lights again but on this occasion they were across from the motor racing track on "Talbingo". Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss turned right towards Old Junee but curiosity prompted them to turn back for a closer look. They drove to the track, turned off their own car lights and watched the other lights in the distance. They seemed to be hovering over the ground. Mr. Bayliss flicked his car lights several times but nothing happened.

Worried just in case they were in some sort of danger, Mrs. Bayliss wanted to return to Junee. Mr. Bayliss decided that they would go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hart whom they encouraged to go with them to investigate.

As they left the Hart home they could see the glow in the distance but direct vision was obscured by a slope in the hill. No sooner had they topped the hill than the mystery lights went out and nothing untoward could be seen.

On Monday Mrs. Bayliss was talking with Mrs. Lucy Shoemark and they were discussing the experience of the night before. They decided they would go out and investigate. Subsequently they were joined by some of the Oehm children on their motor bikes and it was they who made the discovery of certain evidence. In the paddock alongside the motor track they came across a circular indentation in the ground. It would have been about 15 feet in diameter. Outside but close to the circle were half a dozen plod marks of about 4 inches diameter spaced at a regular distance apart. In the centre was a heavier indentation and a tramping down of grass which appeared to have been slightly scorched.

The experience of Mrs. Bayliss is in line with an incident on a Ganmain property some weeks ago when her sister, Mrs. Holden and Mr. Barry Holden believe they saw an unidentified flying object. It too was circular and displayed yellowy orange lights. Later certain marks, similar to those at "Talbingo" were found on the ground. - Junee Southern Cross 6/6/1973.

### UFO Sighted On Four Occasions

A Crescent Head woman yesterday reported that she had seen last week on four consecutive occasions, an unidentified object that appeared as a huge bright light. Mrs. Eileen Pollock, of Skyline Crescent, said the sightings had taken place between early Wednesday morning, (June 6 to 9) and early Saturday morning.

Each time the object had appeared to be over the sea, but its position had varied from about due east to due south. Mrs. Pollock's home overlooks the Pacific Ocean and has sweeping views of the coast between Big Nobby and Big Hill six miles to the south.

At about 11 am on Wednesday last, Mrs. Pollock saw an object over Big Nobby but it disappeared within a few minutes behind the headland. At about midnight the same day, she saw an object due east and viewed it for some time through 10 by 50 binoculars. She said it appeared to emit a powerful beam of light that could have been a refraction of light from the main object which she described as a "glowing mass".

### Third Sighting

At about midnight on Thursday, an object was in the south east sky (still stationary over the sea) It appeared to be oscillating or flashing on and off. It appeared to be more brilliant than the beam from a lighthouse and every few seconds light burst from it. Every now and then, a short section of power line outside her home seemed to light up, as if caught in a search light. She said: "The line seemed to be held by chain lightning. It could have been a projection of the light at sea, but the odd thing was that the light did not fall on the water. It seemed to be shining without any reflection at all". Only about a 30 foot section of the line running the full length of Skyline Crescent was affected.

The fourth sighting was at about 3 am on Saturday when Mrs. Pollock saw a brightly flashing light directly above Big Hill. It quickly disappeared behind the headland and for about two minutes afterwards the reflected glow was visible.

Mrs. Pollock said the only occasion she had a chance to assess the shape of the object was on the second night when it appeared to her that it was



an irregular rectangle that emitted the brightest light from the southern end.

- Kempsey Argus, 12///1973.

Saw UFO But Mum Laughed It Off.

Warwick: Parents of a group of Warwick schoolboys who sighted a UFO over West Warwick - Rosenthal Heights area Thursday afternoon laughed when told about it by their amazed children. However, the four boys who saw the object as they were riding home from school, wrote to the Daily News yesterday when they read a report from Ipswich about a UFO.

"We knew what it was", said Billy Wallace, 11, who wrote the note signed by himself and Joseph Piccini, Frank Driessen and Michael Canavan, all from the same Grade Seven class at Christian Brothers College. "Mum just laughed it off and two of the other parents reckoned they were imagining things", he said.

The four sighted the object just as they were leaving the schoolyard. It was oval shaped, shiny, silver, about as big as a house roof, and gave a low "eerie" sound, Billy said. They watched as they cycled down to Wood St. and he continued to see it even when he reached home 10 minutes later. He said it kept dipping behind the houses on the horizon and was quite close to the ground when it disappeared. It did not alter size while he watched it.

"We wondered what it was and we could not work it out until we read the article", he said. "We did not mention it to many people because they might have thought we were mad". He said it did not look like an aircraft but more like a saucer.

- Warwick News (Q) 13/6/1973.

Girls See Strange Object.

An unidentified flying object is believed to have been seen in the Lort River station area. The sighting at about 4.30 pm on Saturday was made by three school aged sisters - Margaret, Sheila and Caroline Fountain (June 16)

Margaret, 13, the eldest, said the three had watched something appearing to be oval in shape emitting a considerable amount of smoke and changing colours. It appeared to be about half a mile from them, fairly low to the ground, and hovered for about a minute or so before moving off and disappearing. The total time of the observation, she said, would have been about two minutes.

Margaret, a quiet, sensible girl, said she was most reluctant to mention it in case people thought she was conjuring up something or they had imagined it. The Advertiser has contacted her at the Esperance High School after hearing several rumours that members of the Fountain family had thought they had seen a UFO.

When interviewed, Mrs. Fountain, who had been out at the time the girls saw the object, said that no one else in the district had reported seeing flying objects, but a small amount of substantiation had come from a passer by, Mr. Michael Tate. Mr. Tate had mentioned seeing a considerable amount of smoke coming from the vicinity of the Fountain property. He had thought they must have been burning off, or something had been on fire.

Mrs. Fountain said there had been no fires in the vicinity at the time.

Margaret said that she and her sisters were convinced it had not been imagination. She said that several years ago when in England, she and her friends had thought they had seen a UFO from their school grounds. They did not report it but mention of a strange flying object had been made in their local newspaper the next day.

Esperance Advertiser, 22/6/73.

"Red UFO" Sighted.

A mother and daughter saw an "unidentified flying object" fly from near their homestead, west of Forbes, on Monday night, June 25. The mother, who requested to remain anonymous, but who is making an official report to the UFO research liaison representative at Orange, said she and her daughter had seen the object for a period of time which she described as "seconds".

It was after 10 pm "after the end of Number 96" - that the 16 year old girl first sighted a strange object. She later made a drawing of the object. She described it as dome shaped on top, hazy all round, a very bright red in colour with an orange light showing down out of the middle. The girl, who is aged 16, saw the object appearing to "hover" and "move down".

The girl ran inside, told her mother and both then went outside. The object was not initially visible. But when its lights came on and it "took off full pelt towards Orange", the woman said. She said she and her daughter had viewed the object for "seconds". She said it would have been 5 or 6 seconds between the time her daughter came in to her in the kitchen and they returned outside.

The woman said the object she and her daughter had seen together seemed to be between a shed and a haystack - an estimated 200 or 300 yards from the homestead. She said she could just make out the outline as it



moved away.

At the time she was interviewed the woman said she had not been to the area from which the object seemed to have moved.

(A sketch made by the girl was reproduced in the paper, showing a mushroom shaped object, and the caption: "She said the bottom was not clearly visible. The light source was at the top yet a long streak seemed to shine downwards. A haze of misty gold-white surrounded the object")

- Forbes Advocate, 20/6/73.

#### Fall of Angel Hair

Gawler South resident Mrs. A.C. Dohse wasn't quite sure what to make of it. All afternoon she had been watching strange "nylon-like" patterns in the sky. At one stage she was able to pick up a piece of the strange substance as it drifted slowly to the ground, but it vapourised on touch.

Mrs. Dohse, just to make sure it wasn't her imagination, verified her sighting with friends. "A number of people had seen the same thing", said Mrs. Dohse. "It was quite aeird. The sky over Gawler looked like a shower of nylon".

Mrs. Dohse, who made the sighting on May 19, reported it to SPACERS, an Elizabeth group which studies UFOs. And last week she received a reply from the organisation, which, although not verifying her sighting, lent some credence to it. SPACERS told Mrs. Dohse that her sighting bore a resemblance to the often reported "Angel Hair". The organisation then went on to quote other similar sightings. An example...."all these strange objects left long trails which drifted slowly downwards and became caught on telephone wires and roofs.... these threads resembled wool or nylon, which when rolled up became gelatinous and vapourised into nothing".

SPACERS said residue of this type was not ejected from aircraft, and any debris from spacecraft would disintegrate long before reaching the lower atmosphere. "It therefore seems that you must have indeed sighted a fall of 'angel hair', although science cannot explain what this really is", the organisation said. Any questions? - Gawler Bunyip 11/7/1973(SA)

#### Are They Seeing Things?

Since a UFO Sightings and Investigation Bureau was set up in Orange about a dozen people have reported sighting UFOs. Recently the Parkes "Champion Post" published a report in which it was announced that 20 year old Terry Bishop had been placed in charge of the Central West UFO Sightings and Investigation Bureau.

Terry operates in conjunction with the UFO Investigation Centre in Sydney. He said yesterday that about 12 people had reported seeing UFOs to him since his story appeared in the CP. He said there appeared to be more activity in the Parkes, Forbes and Dubbo areas than reported elsewhere.

An 11 year old Parkes boy told Terry that on June 4 of this year he saw "a hand shaped object with a bright blue light in back and a red light in front" straight above him. He also told Terry that he was so terrified that he ran all the way home.

Another report came from an Orange man who said he saw "a large white shiny object that was very bright and too big for a star" on the western outskirts of Bathurst.

A girl from Campbelltown was visiting in Orange and heard about Terry and his work with UFOs. She contacted him, telling him of an experience she and her mother had one night when doing some late shopping in Campbelltown. They heard a shrill noise, looked up and saw a yellow-white saucer shaped object about 25 feet above the ground.

Terry said one of the more interesting reports came from a man who reported he saw a UFO about two years ago. The man was riding his motorcycle on Bathurst Road on the southern side of Lone Pine Avenue in Orange when he saw a bright light come from behind him and then a great gust of wind went over the top of him, putting out the light and motor of the motorbike. He said he couldn't restart the motor until the light completely disappeared.

Terry said UFOs were often associated with cutting off of motors.

- Narromine News 17/7/1973